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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Bengt GUSS et al.

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Entry papers filed on December 18, 1998

For: New Fibrinogen Binding Protein Originating From Coagulase-

Negative Staphylococcus

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please note that the <u>amended pages 23, 24 and 25, 24, 35, 95 and 97</u> attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed pages 23 - 25 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on amended pages 22-25.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 29, lines 2-3, delete "according to claim 8".

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

## **REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the claims in order to reduce the filing fee by deleting the multiple dependencies. Applicants have amended the application to substitute the

AMENDAY!